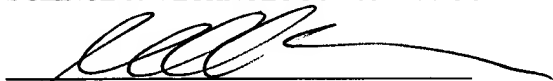


Related Application" section has been updated and two typographical errors have been corrected: "fragements" to "fragments" and "nineth" to "ninth" on p.6, line 14 and p.14, line 29, respectively. These amendments include no new matter.

In accordance with 37 CFR 1.821(e), please use the computer readable form of the Sequence Listing submitted on November 16, 2000 in prior Application No. 09/540,245, filed March 31, 2000 as the computer readable form of the Sequence Listing for the instant Application. It is understood that the Patent and Trademark Office will make the necessary change in Application number and filing date for the computer readable form that will be used for the instant Application. The sequence information on the written Sequence Listing enclosed herewith is identical to that recorded in computer readable form filed on November 16, 2000 in the above referenced Application No. 09/540,245 and includes no new matter.

The Examiner is invited to call the undersigned if he would like to amend the claims to clarify the foregoing or seeks further clarification of the claim language.

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